

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraphs on p. 6, lines 13-25 with the following:

Active compounds for treating CNS disorders include isovaleric acid, a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of isovaleric acid, a pharmaceutically acceptable ester of isovaleric acid, a pharmaceutically acceptable amide of isovaleric acid, and related compounds as described in WO 98/08498A1 and ~~U.S. application serial no. 09/258,882 (pending)~~ United States Patent No. 6,589,994. As described therein, isovaleric acid is available from extracts of the rhizomes and roots of *Valeriana* spp. (common name: valerian; family Valerianaceae) and ammonium isovalerate and isovaleramide are produced in ammoniated tinctures of the extracts.

Generally, esters of isovaleric acid are expected to be hydrolyzed *in vivo* by ubiquitous esterase enzymes, thereby releasing isovaleric acid and the constituent alcohol. In addition to isovaleramide, various N-substituted amides of isovaleric acid also are described in WO 98/08498A1 and ~~U.S. application serial no. 09/258,882~~ United States Patent No. 6,589,994.

Please replace the paragraph on p. 24, lines 12-22 with the following:

A description of various CNS-related conditions and their treatment by active compounds used in sustained-release formulations of the present invention including, for example, epilepsy, spasticity, convulsive disorders, affective mood disorders, neuropathic pain syndromes, headaches, restlessness syndrome, movement disorders, have been described in WO 98/08498A1 and ~~U.S. application serial no. 09/258,882~~ United States Patent No. 6,589,994. CNS-related conditions and treatment by the above active compounds also has been described previously for anxiety, sedation and hypnotic activity in U.S. Patent No. 5,506,268. Additional conditions for application of the sustained-release compositions of the invention include cerebral insult and neuroprotection and substance abuse/craving states as described below.